(*a*) whether an additional hand has been appointed in the Legislative Library; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the suggestion to keep the Library open till 8 P. M. has been brought into effect as promised in the answer referred to above?

RAO SAHIB DR. N KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes; temporarily.

(*b*) No. It has been ordered to be kept open till 6 P. M.

MR. A. S DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from what date onwards it has been ordered to be kept open till 6. P. M.?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): From the 30th July 1934.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the member will be pleased to extend the time up to 7·30 P. M.?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are only two attenders, one of whom is temporary. I do not know if it is practicable to have the time extended till 7·30. Anyhow, the matter will be considered.

Bridge at Pallam Palam.

273. ❋**MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a bridge existed at Pallam Palam over the Valli river on the Eraniel-Muttom road; and

(*b*) when and how the said bridge was destroyed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes, before 1074 M. E.

(*b*) It is said to have been washed away during the floods of 1074 M. E.

Inspection of Pallam Palam by the Chief Engineer.

274. ❋**MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Chief Engineer, along with the Executive Engineer, inspected Pallam Palam on the Eraniel-Muttom road in 1109?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Inspection of Pallam Palam by the Executive Engineer.

275. ❋**MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Executive Engineer of Nagercoil Division inspected Pallam Palam on the Eraniel-Muttom road, between 1100 and 1103?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know how many times he has inspected?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Several times.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : May I know what became of the inspection ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : He conducted inspections which is one of his duties.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : May I know the result of those inspections ?

MR. G B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : It was the Executive Engineer's inspection and not the Chief Engineer's inspection.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know whether these inspections were made with a view to construct a new bridge in the same place ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : The inspections were made with a view to closing the breaches.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether the Executive Engineer reported that there was necessity for constructing a bridge ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : The Chief Engineer considered there was necessity for constructing the bridge and after that the inhabitants said that they did not want it.

Bridge over Valliyar at Pallam Palam.

276. ❋**MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam II*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date when Government sanction was given to construct a bridge over Valliyar at Pallam Palam on the Eraniel-Muttom road ; and

(*b*) whether provision is made in the budget for 1110 to construct a bridge at Pallam Palam ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) No sanction has been accorded.

(*b*) This does not arise.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : May I know whether any reply was given to the people ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : No.

Bridge at Pallam Palam.

277. ❋**MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have prepared the plans and estimates for a bridge at Pallam Palam on the Eraniel-Muttom road ?

MR. G. B. E. TUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : No.

Shipping at the Ports of the State.

278. ❋**MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam II*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of steamers that touched the several ports in the State with their respective tonnage and how far away they anchored in each of those ports in the years 1930 to 1933 and till the end of June 1934 ?

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